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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Responsive to the OA of 6/14/04, please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1-3, previously cancelled

Claims 4, 5 and 6, amend in the manner shown in the Appendix.

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5 and 6 are in the application. These have been amended to more clearly define the invention. As now amended claims 4-6 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 4-6 were rejected under Sec. 102 over Richardson, USP 5,490,216. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection.

It is believed that the Richardson disclosure is completely different from our recited invention, in terms of concept, objectives, function and structure.

The Examiner's application of Richardson to meet the instant claims is erroneous. The problem is that our system for preventing unauthorized copying of software is not (negative) the same or similar as the Richardson system of software registration. The Examiner may not have fully understood our invention. Accordingly, we've amended the claims to recite directly that which was